

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cassette holder for a large and a small cassette to be selectively loaded. An upper surface of a frame is a part of a bottom surface of a cassette opening having a size fitting the large cassette, through which the large or the small cassette is to be loaded. A pair of positioning-restriction elements is provided inside the cassette holder when viewed from the opening provided on the front panel. The distance between the restriction elements has a width enough for the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to a predetermined position in the cassette holder. A cassette detector detects the large cassette when this cassette is loaded through the cassette opening. At least a part of the cassette detector is positioned so that it is closer to a front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements are when viewed from the cassette opening. A drive mechanism moves the restriction elements from positions at which the restriction elements allow the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to other positions at which the restriction elements do not obstruct the large cassette to be loaded, when the cassette detector detects the large cassette. A pair of flaps is positioned so that each flap is closer to the front-end section of the cassette opening than the positioning-restriction elements are when viewed from the cassette opening. The distance between the flaps has a width enough for the small cassette to be loaded therebetween to the predetermined position in the cassette holder. The flaps are opened to allow the large cassette to be loaded when the flaps are pushed by the large cassette whereas they are engaged with the restriction elements to obstruct the small cassette to be loaded when at least either of the flaps is pushed by the small cassette.